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A Regular Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, February 7, 2022. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Scruggs and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Jason Knight, and Janet Moore were present. Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards and City Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo (via conference phone).

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

3.I Proclamation designating February 2022 as “Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month” – Presented to Kayla Perez, Victims Advocate

Mayor Gomez read the Proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Ms. Kayla Perez, Victims Advocate, The Purple Door.

3.II 2021 Annual EMS Report – Carrie DeLeon, Executive Director, Tri-County EMS

Carrie DeLeon, Tri County EMS provided the 2021 Annual EMS report and stated the call statistics have increased by 20% from the previous year. She referred to a breakdown of the different zones with 58% of the calls from Aransas Pass (1,685), and reported on the medical and trauma calls by county.

3.III Update on CDBG-DR Project (Deberry, Saunders, and Greenwood) – Eric Villarreal, Ardurra

Mr. Villarreal stated the project construction began a month ago and they are over 50% complete. He stated that Saunders up to Greenwood is complete and reported on the project schedule and stated the project is on time.

3.IV Update on Conn Brown Harbor Bulkhead – Javier Solis, JM Davidson

Mr. Solis reported the project is 90% complete and is only lacking the Baitshack. He stated that because of the change of scope, they will be bringing a change order at a future council meeting.

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

There were no board appointments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.I Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022, and January 24, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item 5.I, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearing items

7. CITY MANAGER:

7.I Consider and Act on Resolution ordering an election to be held in the City of Aransas Pass on May 7, 2022 for the purpose of electing council members to places 2 and 4; Authorizing an election services contract with San Patricio County Elections Administrator for the conduct of the election; providing for procedures for holding such election; providing for notice of election and publication; providing for establishment of the early voting polling place and election day polling place location; and providing an effective date

Mary Juarez, City Secretary explained the purpose is to order the general election for May 7, 2022 for Council Places 2 and 4. She added the estimated cost of the election is approximately \$20,000 which is within budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve Item 7.I, seconded by Council Member Moore and the motion passed.

8. COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT:

8.I Consider and act on Request from Aransas Pass Project Graduation for use of the Aquatic Center Swimming Pool on May 27, 2022.

Kaylynn Paxson, Director of Community Enrichment stated that Project Graduation submitted a request for use of the Pool on May 27, 2022. She added it is an annual event and staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve Item 8.I, seconded by Council Member Abrego, and the motion passed.

9. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

9.I Consider and act on the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Goodnight Ditch Expansion Project.

Kristin Freeze, Public Works reported that in the recent Drainage Study that one of the recommendation was to expand the Goodnight Ditch and the purpose of this item is for approval to issue a request for proposals for this project. In response to a question from Council Member Moore, Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works responded the project involves widening the ditch 75 feet, as recommended by the drainage study.

A motion was made by Council Member Abrego to approve Item 9.I, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed.

9.II Consider and act on the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Road Rejuvenating Projects.

Mr. Freeze stated the purpose of this item is to issue a request for proposals for the road rejuvenating project which includes placing asphalt millings onto several roads followed by a rejuvenating agent to seal the asphalt millings.

A motion was made by Council Member Knight to approve Item 9.II, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

9.III Consider and act on the issuance of a Request for Proposals for use of the Softball Field Complex.

Mr. Freeze reported that the Softball Field is scheduled to have improvements and are recommending issuing a request for proposals for Year 2022, with the condition that in late summer the fields will not be available for use.

A motion was made by Council Member Abrego to approve Item 9.III, seconded by Council Member Knight, and the motion passed.

9.IV Consider and act on approving a lease agreement with Aransas Pass Little League.

Mr. Freeze stated this lease would be for a limited use until the beginning of construction of the fields. Council Member Abrego asked when construction is scheduled to begin, and Mr. Freeze responded in late summer.

A motion was made by Council member Abrego to approve Item 9.IV, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

9.V Consider and act on Ordinance granting conditional use permit request submitted by Gregg Farrar to allow a recreational vehicle to be placed onto Lot 1 of Block 213, and used as a temporary dwelling for security purposes during construction of a single family dwelling. (Tabled – 06/21/2021)

Osei Amo-Mensah, City Planner explained that this item was previously tabled because the applicant had not yet received construction materials. Mr. Mensah stated that applicant has started construction and is approximately 70% complete and is now requesting approval of the CUP to allow placement of the RV until the project is complete.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item. 9.V, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

10. FINANCE:

There were no Finance items.

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

There were no Information Technology items.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

There were no Public Safety Items

13. CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Edwards announced that a Workshop Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022 to discuss the following items: Property Lease at Conn Brown Harbor – David Blankenship, Fines for Zoning Violations, Groundwater storage tank logo, Ingleside by the Bay sewer request, and real estate sale of city property. There was a consensus of the council to hold the meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

14. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Eric Woods commented on the panhandling issues with panhandling and suggested placing signs, “No Panhandling – Contribution to the solution and give to local charities” to encourage citizens to not contribute to panhandling.

Hector Rios referred to the panhandling at the median surrounded by three major streets and asked about laws to prohibit people from people panhandling at this location.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 6:37 pm under the provision of Section 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the authority of:

15.I.1 Section 551.071 - Conn Brown Harbor Lease – Handsome Sailor Yacht Charters, Inc.

15.I.2 Section 551.071 - Municipal Lien – 1027 S. Lamont, Lots 4 and 5, Block 373

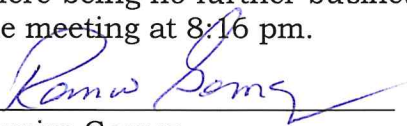
The council reconvened in open session at 8:13 pm.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve a Conn Brown Harbor Lease with Handsome Sailor Yacht Charters, Inc. with rates as follows - \$7.50 per LF per month for Years 1-2; \$10 per LF per month for Years 3-5; \$12 per LF per month for Years 6-10; and \$14.00 per LF per month for Years 11-12 and to include all other amendments to the lease as written. The motion died for lack of second.

A motion as made by Council Member Moore to approve a Conn Brown Harbor Lease with Handsome Sailor Yacht Charters, Inc. for Years 1-2 at \$10 per LF, Years 3-5 at \$12 per LF, and Years 6-12 at \$14 per LF with no harbor fee, seconded by Council Member Abrego, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye; Knight voting No. After the vote was taken, Attorney Kristen Blanford asked for clarification that the lease include the amendments as written, and there was consensus from the council to include the amendments.

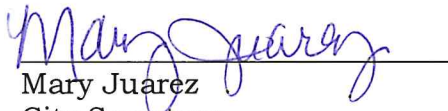
16. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.



Ramiro Gomez

Mayor



Mary Juarez

City Secretary

Approved on: 2/21/2022